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"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm" (Ralph Waldo Emerson)

Please Note: I am currently on detail to the EPA Region 10 office in Portland, Oregon until July 23, 2016. Thank you!

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From: (b) (6)  
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We are frequent users of the Multnomah Channel, downstream of the Portland harbor superfund site, and were disappointed to hear that the results of some 16 years of study was to basically let the river take care of itself. The river has been polluted for generations, and requires a more proactive approach.

The cleansing floods of the past are few and far between thanks to upstream dams, drought, and the unknowns of climate change. We agree with Portland Audubon that at least 1000 acres of sediment needs to be removed from the river.

We are in a position to see bank fishermen who appear to be fishing for food. Our guess is that many aren't aware of the prohibitions on eating fish from the river, and we find it appalling that current conditions are poisoning fish and those who eat them. The cleanup plan needs to result in allowing fish from this section to be edible in a 10-20 year time frame.

We also don't understand removing toxic sediments then "burying" them in a river that is, in the same breath, supposed to clean itself. There must be some engineering feat involved, however removing sediments to an appropriate land based site sure seems like the better solution.

Of course, The Lower Willamette Group and other entities largely responsible for polluting (and who have made a good living from it) ought to volunteer to pay for the cleanup. Absent this community centric response, they should be forced to pay for it.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion, and please move to make the river cleaner sooner rather than later.

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members of the Portland Boat Club